

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3480 - HB 3577

April 2, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates, subject to local approval, an additional Court of General Sessions in Blount County. The judge of the new court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the existing Courts of General Sessions in Blount County over all civil and criminal matters prescribed by general law for the general sessions courts.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures:

\$133,200 Recurring/ (If court created by local action)

\$8,500 One-Time/ (If court created by local action)


Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Estimate assumes, if the provisions of the bill are approved by legislative body of Blount County, the following:

- Local government expenditures include the cost of salary and benefits for a general sessions judge, staff and operational expenses.
- State expenditures include recurring cost of the salaries, benefits, and operational expenses and one-time costs for one assistant district attorney general and one assistant public defender to provide services to the new general sessions court in criminal matters.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director